GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF RETAIL OUTLETS OF DRUG MANUFACTURING COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating on any Central law so as to legalize the bulk and retail sale of mecicines;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to permit drug manufacturing companies to open their retail outlets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARTLIAMENTARY AFFIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) : The sale of drugs and their formulations in bulk (whole sale) and in retail is regulated under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules made their under.

(b) & (c): There is no restriction for drug manufacturing companies to open retail outlets for sale of drugs under the said rules.